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31. (Amended) A process for producing colloidal particles having biomolecule absorbing surfaces, the process comprising:  
adding a detergent to a solution containing biomolecules, and thereafter  
contacting colloidal particles with the solution  
wherein the colloidal particles are used without being previously treated to subdivide agglomerates.

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34. (Amended) A method for stabilizing conjugates composed of colloidal particles and biomolecules, the method consisting essentially of:  
adding detergent to a solution containing biomolecules,  
loading colloidal particles with the solution, and thereafter  
adding an additional stabilizer  
wherein the colloidal particles are used without being previously treated to subdivide agglomerates.

### REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 18, 2001 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action rejects claims 24, 30, 31 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Liberti et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,597,531) claims 24, 29-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Olsen (U.S. Patent No. 5,393,658). Additionally, claims 25-29, 32